

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Lady Medical Officers posted for duty in the Malnad.

READ—

1. Para 10 of the Government Order No. L. 2891-904—San. 28-24-1, dated the 1st October 1924, directing that four Lady Medical Officers be appointed for the Kadur and Shimoga Districts on a suitable scale of pay with a substantial allowance and free quarters, two being appointed in 1924-25, and two in 1925-26.

2. Letter No. G. C. 17, dated the 15. 16th July 1925, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, recommending the posting of Mrs. Mathurabai Uchgavkar to the Kadur District for charge of the Female Department of the District Headquarter Hospital at Chikmagalur wherefrom her services could be easily secured at any of the taluk stations in case of necessity as also the grant to her of a local allowance of Rs. 50 and a house rent allowance of Rs. 20 per mensem in lieu of free quarters which are stated to be not available at the place.

ORDER No. L. 2160-61—MED. 33-25-2, DATED 18TH SEPTEMBER 1925.

A notification has already been issued transferring Mrs. Mathurabai Uchgavkar from the Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore, to the District Hospital at Chikmagalur.

Government are pleased to direct that Lady Medical Officers posted to the Malnad under the Malnad Improvement Scheme Revision Order No. L. 2891-901—San. 28-24-1, dated the 1st October 1924, be given a duty allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem. The Senior Surgeon is requested to report separately about granting house rent in addition, noting previous history and practice regarding quarters for Lady Doctors.

In para 3 of his letter, the Senior Surgeon has made the following suggestion as regards the work of the Lady Medical Officers in the Malnad.

"As regards the duties of these Lady Doctors, it seems to me that they should be required to chalk out a programme in consultation with the District Medical Officer and District Board President, making a week's or a fortnight's halt at each place, where maternity cases requiring their help could be collected by authorities with the help of prominent non-official gentlemen residing in each place; or whenever local midwives come to know of waiting cases in which the previous labour was difficult or complicated, they might arrange to show such cases to the Lady Medical Officer with a view to get necessary precautionary advice. Wherever possible, the Lady Medical Officer should herself conduct the cases. It might be made one of her duties to coach up the midwives when the latter are found to have forgotten their professional knowledge by periods of inactivity or other causes. She might also undertake some educative work by giving lectures or holding discourses, at which women folk might be made to attend, with the help and co-operation of local gentlemen of influence."

These proposals are in effect to treat these highly qualified Lady Doctors as Assistant District Medical Officers. They will attend to women's work in the District Hospitals and Headquarters, and also tour in the District attending to women's work in the mofussil and in Government dispensaries and a Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon will presumably be available for work at Headquarters when the Lady Doctor is on tour. The proposals of the Senior Surgeon are accepted.

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Local and Legislative Departments.

Development of Jail Industries.

READ—

Government Order No. P. 6303-8—Pris. 26-22-9, dated 22nd June 1925, appointing a Committee consisting of the Inspector-General of Prisons, the Director of Industries and Commerce, and Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan to investigate the question of developing the Jail Industries so as to make them remunerative and requesting the Inspector-General of Prisons to submit the Committee's recommendations for the consideration of Government.

2. Letter No. 1049—15-23, dated 15th August 1925, from the Inspector-General of Prisons forwarding the following memo of the conclusions arrived at by the Committee for the orders of Government.